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Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1, 9 16 and 17 are canceled. Claims 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, and 15 are amended. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

-- 1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently amended) The method of ~~claim 1~~, claim 4, in which establishing a communication path comprises contacting the forwarding server with the message identifier; the method further comprising the steps of:

identifying at the forwarding server the mail message corresponding to the message identifier; and

transmitting the mail message from the forwarding server to the destination address using the binary formatting protocol.

3. (Currently amended) The method of ~~claim 1~~, claim 4, wherein the step of packaging comprises the step of compressing the prepared message.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 1~~, A method for mail-messaging on a global information network, wherein a user generates a prepared message, the method comprising the steps of:

generating the prepared message at a source location;

commencing a first transmission from the source location to a destination address, the first transmission comprising a mail notice, the mail notice excluding the prepared

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